



POWERglide™

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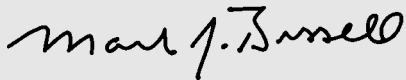
Thanks for buying a BISSELL PowerGlide

We're glad you purchased a BISSELL PowerGlide Vacuum. Everything we know about floor care went into the design and construction of this powerful, high-tech home vacuuming system.

Your BISSELL PowerGlide is well made, and we back it with a limited comprehensive two-year warranty. We also stand behind it with a knowledgeable, dedicated Consumer Services department, so, should you ever have a problem, you'll receive fast, considerate assistance.

My great-grandfather invented the floor sweeper in 1876. Today, BISSELL is a global leader in the design, manufacture, and service of high quality homecare products like your BISSELL PowerGlide.

Thanks again, from all of us at BISSELL.



Mark J. Bissell
President and Chief Executive Officer

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should be observed, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR UPRIGHT VACUUM.

Always connect to a polarized outlet (left slot is wider than right). Unplug from outlet when not in use and before conducting maintenance.

 **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- Do not modify the polarized plug to fit a non-polarized outlet or extension cord.
- Do not leave vacuum cleaner unattended when it is plugged in.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow children to operate vacuum cleaner or use as a toy.
- Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Do not use for any purpose other than described in this User's Guide.
- Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug.
- If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle vacuum cleaner or plug with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep openings free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.

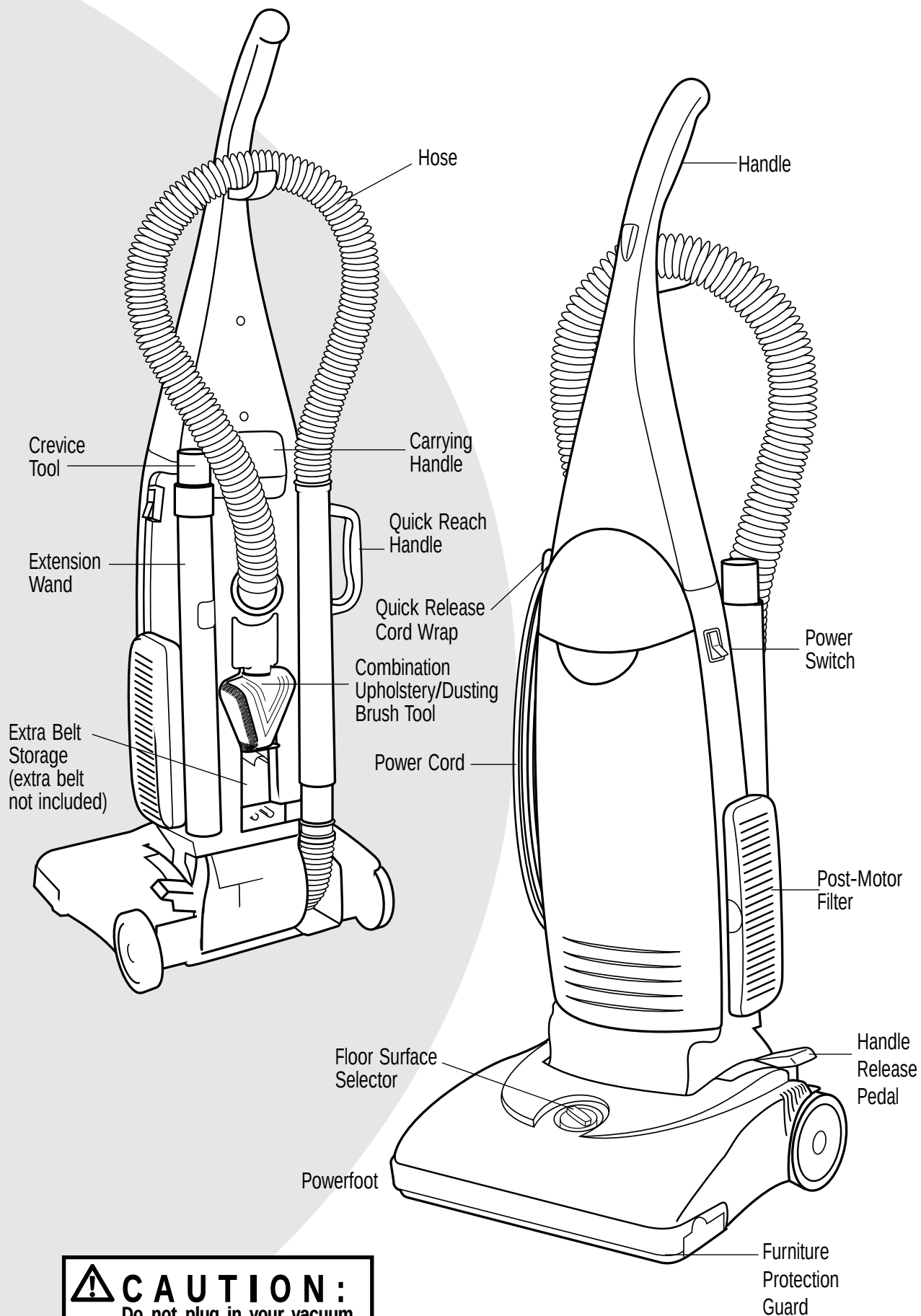
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Turn off all controls before plugging or unplugging vacuum cleaner.
- Use extra care when cleaning stairs.
- Do not pick up flammable materials (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, etc.) or use in the presence of explosive liquids or vapors.
- Do not pick up toxic material (chlorine bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner, etc.).
- Do not use vacuum cleaner in an enclosed space filled with vapors given off by oil base paint, paint thinner, some moth proofing substances, flammable dust, or other explosive or toxic vapors.
- Do not pick up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws, coins, etc.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- Use only on dry, indoor surfaces.
- Keep appliance on a level surface.
- Do not carry the vacuum cleaner while it is running.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

THIS APPLIANCE HAS A POLARIZED PLUG.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install a proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

This model is for household use only.



CAUTION:

Do not plug in your vacuum cleaner until you are familiar with all instructions and operating procedures.

How to use this guide

This User's Guide has been designed to help you get the utmost satisfaction from your BISSELL PowerGlide. You'll find assembly and operating instructions, safety precautions, as well as maintenance and troubleshooting instructions. Please read this Guide thoroughly before assembling your vacuum cleaner.

Pay particular attention to the product diagram, assembly instructions, and part names. Locate and organize all parts before assembly. Familiarize yourself with the parts and where they go. Following this User's Guide will greatly enhance your ability to get the most performance from your BISSELL PowerGlide for many years.

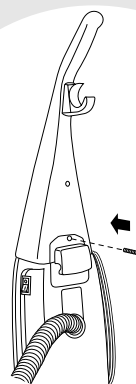
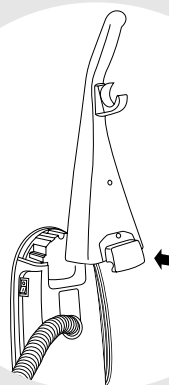
How to put it together

The only tool you'll need to assemble your vacuum cleaner is a Phillips head screwdriver.

⚠ WARNING :
Plastic film can be dangerous.
To avoid danger of suffocation,
keep away from babies
and children.

Attach Handle to Vacuum

1. Locate the vacuum handle and remove the screw taped to the base.
2. Stand the vacuum upright and slide the base of the handle firmly into the grooves at the top of the vacuum body.
3. Check to be sure the handle is fitted to the vacuum body. If there is a gap in front, continue to push firmly until the handle is flush.
4. Insert the screw provided into the existing hole. Tighten securely with a Phillips head screwdriver.

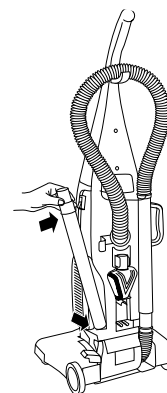
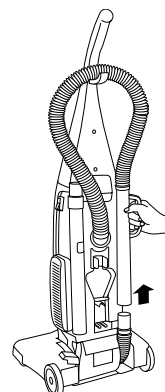


Attach Vacuum Hose and Tool

1. Grasping the Quick Reach Handle, slide the end of the Hose Wand onto the suction intake opening. Snap the Hose into the Hose Clip.

NOTE: The Powerfoot will not operate effectively unless the hose wand is firmly attached to the suction intake opening.

2. Slide the Extension Wand and the Crevice Tool together into the storage clip.
3. Snap the Combination Upholstery/Dusting Brush Tool into the storage clip.

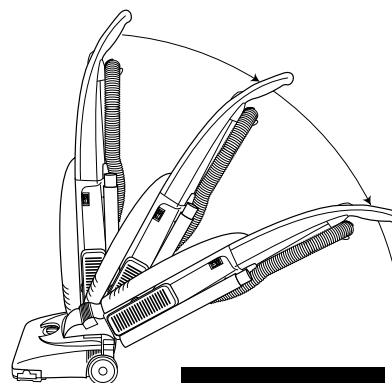


How to use your BISSELL PowerGlide

Handle Positions

Press the Handle Release Pedal with your foot to place your PowerGlide into one of three cleaning positions.

1. Upright- For storage and above floor cleaning with special tools.
2. Normal Cleaning- Use for most household floor cleaning tasks.
3. Low Cleaning- For reaching under low furniture. Such as tables, chairs and beds.



Tip:

Before cleaning under low furniture, check area first for objects that might harm the unit or block the Vacuum Hose.

Tip:

Your BISSELL PowerGlide features a Quick-Release Cord Wrap. To remove the Power Cord quickly and easily, rotate the Upper Cord Wrap towards floor, and slip Power Cord from Upper and Lower Cord Wraps.

Powerfoot Height Adjustment

The Powerfoot/Rotating Floor Brush on your BISSELL PowerGlide can be adjusted to clean several floor surfaces.

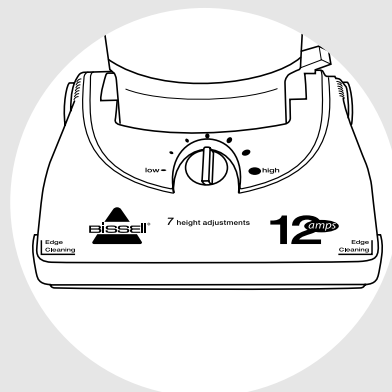
NOTE: For optimal cleaning performance, adjust to the lowest practical setting. If your cleaner is difficult to push, adjust to the next higher setting.

1. Place Handle in Normal Cleaning Position.
2. Turn Floor Surface Selector to desired setting.

Lowest Setting - For bare floors.

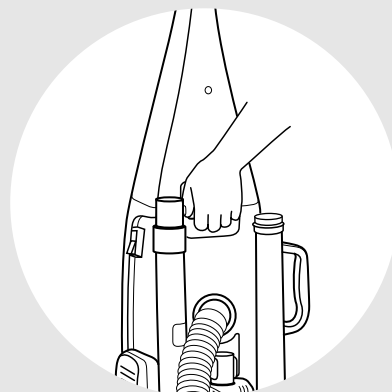
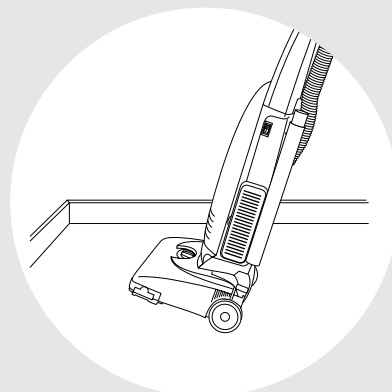
Medium Setting - For short and medium pile carpets.

Highest Setting - For plush pile carpet.



Transporting Cleaner

1. To move your cleaner from room to room, put the handle in the upright position, tilt the cleaner back on its rear wheels and push forward.
2. The cleaner can also be moved by using the Carrying Handle.



Special Tools

Your BISSELL PowerGlide is not only a powerful carpet and rug vacuum cleaner, it's also a versatile above floor vacuum cleaner when you select one of the special tools.

1. Raise Handle to Upright Position.
2. Grasp the Quick Reach Handle and lift up to separate from suction intake opening.
3. Attach tools by firmly pushing onto Vacuum Hose or Extension Wand.

Tip:

Hair, string and small objects can block the Vacuum Hose or Tools. Check them occasionally for obstructions. See Troubleshooting Guide for instructions.

Combination Upholstery/Dusting Brush Tool:

Two types of cleaning tools are included in one attachment: rotate for desired tool.

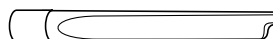
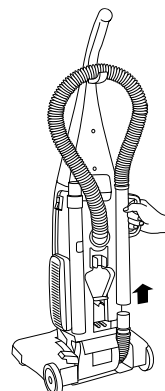
- Use brush side to dust furniture, blinds, books, lamps, shelves.
- Use upholstery side for curtains, draperies, cushions, fabrics.

Crevice Tool:

Use in tight narrow spaces.

Extension Wand:

Use with desired attachments for a longer reach.



Power Cord Storage

When you are done using your BISSELL PowerGlide, return it to the Upright position and store the Power Cord.

1. Turn vacuum cleaner off.
2. Unplug Power Cord by grasping the polarized plug (NOT the cord) and disconnect from outlet.
3. Loop Power Cord around Cord Wraps on side of vacuum cleaner.
4. Clip molded plug to Power Cord to secure.

CAUTION:

The Rotating Floor Brush continues to rotate while tools are in use. To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts, always move the cleaner with the Carrying Handle at the back of the cleaner. Always place vacuum cleaner on floor with Handle in Upright position when using tools. Never place your fingers under the cleaner when it is running. Never place Powerfoot on furniture or uneven surfaces. Do not place vacuum cleaner close enough to objects to pull them into rotating brush.

Routine maintenance

To maintain maximum performance from your BISSELL PowerGlide, perform these simple maintenance checks at least once a month.

Replacement Parts

You may purchase replacement parts from your retailer, by using the order form in this User's Guide, by calling BISSELL Consumer Services or by visiting our website. To locate a retailer near you, or to place an order using Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express, call

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Replace Dust Bag

Use only BISSELL Style 7 Dust Bags in your BISSELL PowerGlide. To maintain peak vacuum efficiency, you should check the Dust Bag weekly, and replace it when it is no more than half full.

Style 7 EnviroFresh® Micro Filtration Dust Bags (# 30861)

Style 7 3M Filtrete™ Dust Bags (# 32071)

Never reuse a Dust Bag.

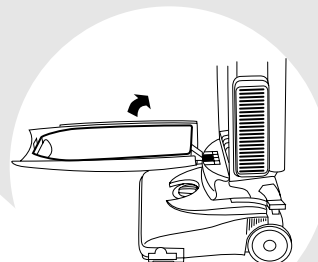
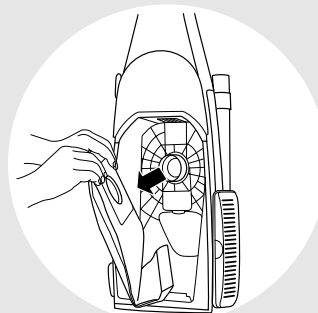
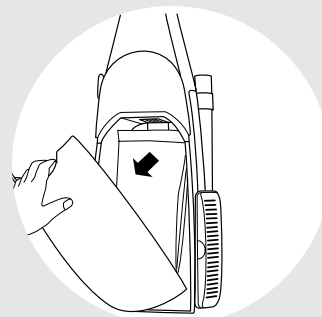
1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. Pull the bag door outward to open. Set bag door aside.
3. Grasp Dust Bag Collar, and pull Collar from Connector Tube. Discard used Dust Bag.
4. Grasp new Dust Bag Collar and push firmly onto Connector Tube. Tuck in Dust Bag.
5. Replace bag door by placing tab on bottom of door into opening as shown. Press top of door to snap securely shut.



WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, turn Power Switch OFF and disconnect polarized plug from electrical outlet before performing maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

Tip:

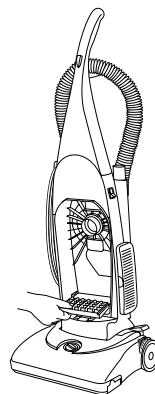
Vacuuming new carpet or vacuuming fine powders may clog the Dust Bag, so check the bag more often.



Cleaning Pre-Motor Filter

Use only BISSELL Style 7 Replacement Pre-Motor Filter (#203-1013) in your BISSELL PowerGlide.

1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. The Pre-Motor Filter, located behind the grill in the bottom of bag compartment, protects the motor from dirt particles. If filter becomes dirty, pull off grill and lift out filter.
3. Hand wash filter in cold water with mild detergent, then air dry.
4. Reposition dry filter and grill.



Replacing Post-Motor Filter

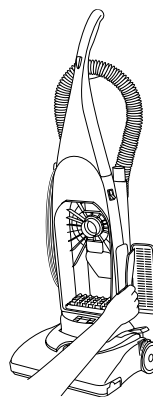
Use only BISSELL Style 7 Replacement Post-Motor Filters in your BISSELL PowerGlide.

Style 7 Post Motor Filter (#203-1009)

Style 7 Micro-Lock® Post-Motor Filter (#32072)

Style 7 3M Filtrete™ Post-Motor Filter (#32073)

1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. The Post-Motor Filter assists in the filtration process to return clean air to the room. To remove this filter, open the door on the side of the cleaner.
3. Grasp filter and pull it straight out.
4. The black Post-Motor Filter may be hand washed in cold water with mild detergent, then air dried. The white, pleated Micro-Lock and 3M Filtrete Post-Motor Filters are not washable and must be replaced.
5. Reposition new filter by reversing this procedure.



How To Attach Filter Door

The filter door is designed with a "break away" feature, which allows it to snap free if it is pushed open too far. To reattach, align hinges of cover with slots on sides of filter area.

Tip:

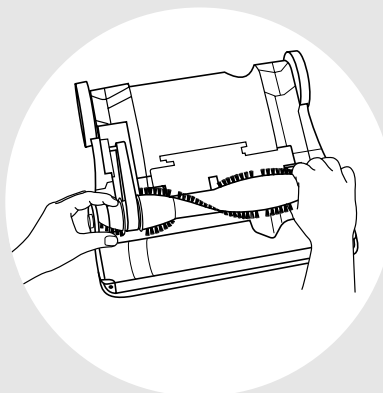
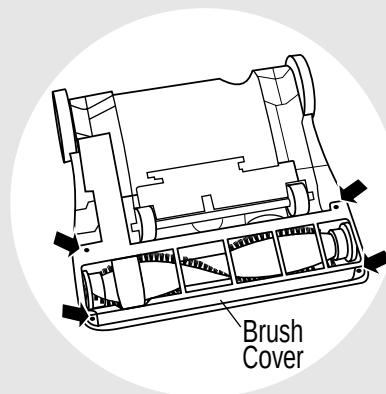
Do not operate cleaner without the Pre-Motor Filter or Post-Motor Filter in place.

Check Rotating Floor Brush and Drive Belt

You should check your vacuum cleaner's Rotating Floor Brush and Drive Belt regularly for wear or damage. You should also clean the brush and brush ends of string, hair, and carpet fibers. These can wrap around the brush and hamper its ability to effectively clean your carpet. Also remove any debris that has accumulated under the brush cover.

⚠ WARNING:
To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts, turn off vacuum cleaner and disconnect Power Plug from electrical outlet.

1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. Place handle in Low position and turn vacuum cleaner over so bottom side is up.
3. Remove the four screws as shown with a Phillips head screwdriver. Lift the Brush Cover off.
4. Grasp Rotating Floor Brush at both ends and lift up.
5. Clean strings, hair and other debris from Rotating Floor Brush, paying particular attention to brush ends.
6. Clean strings, hair and other debris from Motor Pulley and Drive Belt areas.
7. Check Drive Belt carefully for wear, cuts or stressed areas.
8. Check Air Passageway for obstructions. Remove debris from this area.



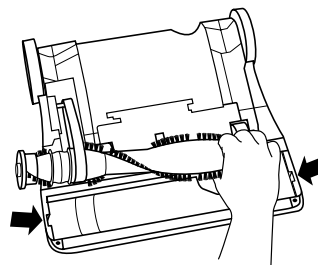
Replace Drive Belt

Use only BISSELL Style 7 Replacement Belts (#32074) in your BISSELL PowerGlide.

1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. With Rotating Floor Brush removed from vacuum cleaner (Steps 1-4 above), stretch old Drive Belt to clear Motor Pulley and remove. Discard old Drive Belt.
3. Place new Drive Belt over Motor Pulley and stretch other end over Rotating Floor Brush.

Replace Drive Belt Continued

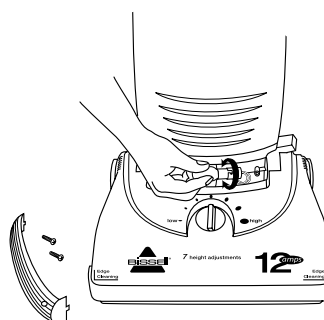
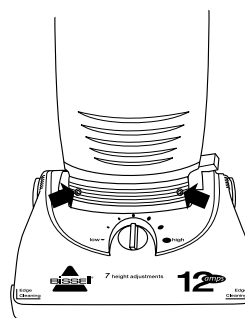
4. Place ends of Rotating Floor Brush down into slots on sides as shown.
5. Turn Rotating Floor Brush by hand several times in direction of Motor Pulley. If properly installed, Drive Belt will center itself on Rotating Brush crown.
6. Reposition Brush Cover and four screws. Tighten screws securely.



Replace Lightbulb

Use only BISSELL Replacement Bulb (#203-1007) in your BISSELL PowerGlide.

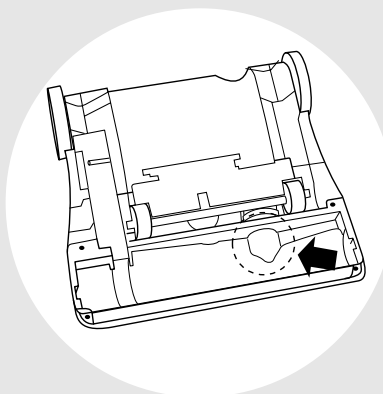
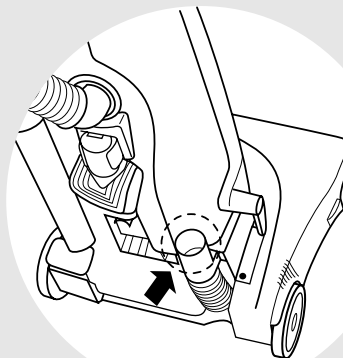
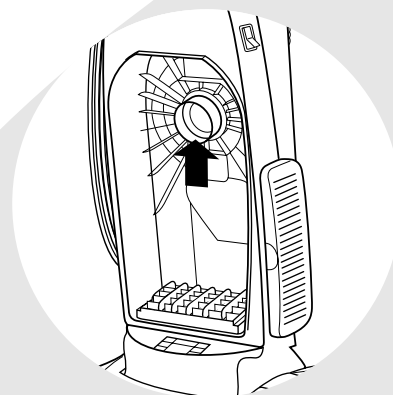
1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet
2. Using a screwdriver, remove the two screws as shown and lift off the lens.
3. Remove the bulb from the socket by pushing in gently and turning it counterclockwise. Install the new bulb by pushing it gently into the socket and turning clockwise.
4. Reposition lens and secure with the two screws.



Clearing Clogs

The Hose on the back of the vacuum cleaner that carries the dirt from the nozzle to the Dust Bag can sometimes become clogged. If you notice a change in the sound of the vacuum motor, check for clogs.

1. Unplug cleaner from electrical outlet.
2. Pull the bag door outward to open and set aside. Remove the Dust Bag to check the suction inlet for a clog.
3. Grasp the Quick Reach Handle and lift up to separate from the suction intake opening. Check for a clog in the Base, the Wand or the Hose.
4. If the clog persists, turn the vacuum cleaner off and unplug it. Remove the Brush Cover. Check the Air Passageway for obstructions. Remove debris from this area. Replace the Brush Cover.



Thermal Protector

An internal thermal protector has been designed into your cleaner to protect it from overheating. **When the thermal protector activates, the cleaner will stop running.** If this happens, proceed as follows:

1. Turn the cleaner OFF and disconnect it from the electrical outlet.
2. Check Pre-Motor Filter and Post-Motor Filter for dirt accumulation.
3. Refer to "Clearing clogs" section.
4. When cleaner is **unplugged** and motor **cools for 30 minutes**, the thermal protector automatically resets and cleaning may continue. If the thermal protector continues to activate after following the above steps, your cleaner may need servicing. Call BISSELL Consumer Services, or visit the website.

Troubleshooting

Vacuum cleaner won't run.

Possible Causes

Vacuum cleaner is not plugged in
Household fuse/breaker

Remedies

Check electrical plug
Check/replace fuse - Reset breaker
Call BISSELL Consumer Services

Vacuum cleaner won't pick up dirt.

Possible Causes

Height Adjustment too high
Hose wand not attached

Dust Bag is full
Rotating Floor Brush Drive Belt broken
Drive Belt stretched/

Rotating Floor Brush bristles worn
Rotating Floor Brush jammed

Air Passageway clogged

Nozzle area or hose is clogged

Remedies

Reset Height Adjustment
Grasp Quick Reach Handle and firmly push Hose Wand onto the suction intake opening
Replace with new Dust Bag
Replace Drive Belt
Replace belt/clean brush/belt areas off Motor Pulley Shaft
Replace brush
Remove brush and clean debris from brush ends
Remove Brush Cover
Clean debris from passageway
Follow instructions for clearing clogs

WARNING:

To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts and/ or electrical shock, turn Power Switch OFF and disconnect polarized plug from electrical outlet before performing troubleshooting checks.

Tools won't pick up dirt.

Possible Causes

Hole in Hose
Vacuum Hose, Wands or Tools clogged

Remedies

Replace Hose
Follow instructions for clearing clogs

Vacuum cleaner is difficult to push.

Possible Causes

Incorrect Floor Surface Selector setting

Remedies

Move Selector to next highest setting

*If suggested solutions for this or any function of your PowerGlide do not correct the problem, call:

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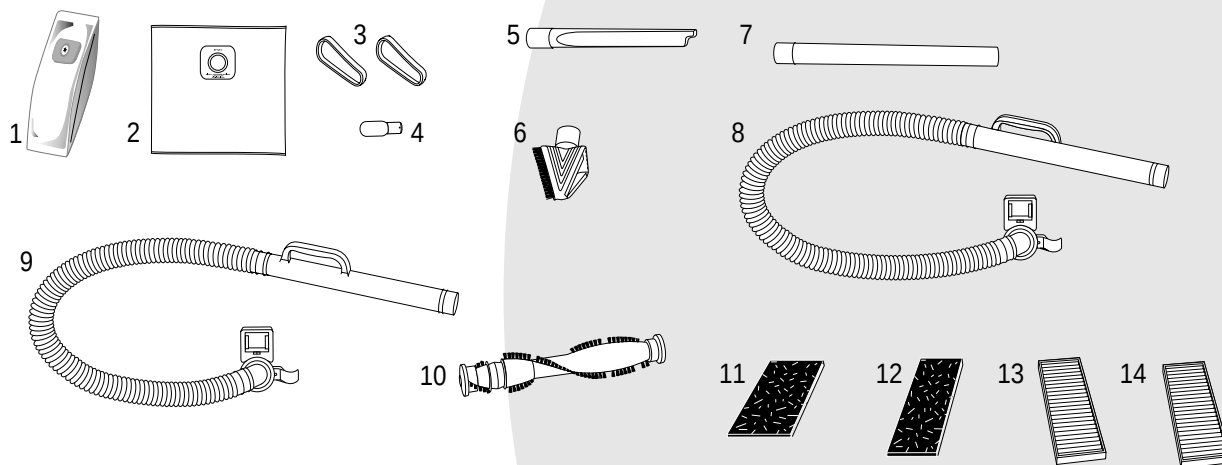
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Replacement parts - BISSELL PowerGlide Series

Item	Part No.	Part Name
1	30861	Style 7 EnviroFresh Micro Filtration Dust Bags (3pack)
2	32071	Style 7 3M Filtrete Dust Bags (2 pack)
3	32074	Style 7 Drive Belt (2-Pack)
4	203-1007	Headlight Bulb
5	203-1063	Crevice Tool
6	203-1023	Combination Upholstery / Dusting Brush
7	203-1022	Extension Wand
8	203-1019	Vacuum Hose
9	203-1021	Deluxe Stretch Hose (select models only)
10	203-1016	Brush Roll
11	203-1013	Style 7 Pre-Motor Filter
12	203-1009	Style 7 Post-Motor Filter
13	32072	Style 7 Micro-lock Post-Motor Filter (select models only)
14	32073	Style 7 3M Filtrete Post-Motor Filter (select models only)



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When contacting BISSELL, have model number of unit available.

Please record your Model Number: _____

Please record your Purchase Date: _____

NOTE: Please keep your original sales receipt. It is your warranty.

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About Your Warranty

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Limited Two Year Warranty

Subject to the *EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS identified below, upon receipt of the product BISSELL Inc. will repair or replace (with new or remanufactured components or products), at BISSELL's option, free of charge from the date of purchase by the original purchaser, for two years any defective or malfunctioning part.

See information below on "If your BISSELL product should require service".

This warranty applies to product used for personal, and not commercial or rental service. This warranty does not apply to fans or routine maintenance components such as filters, bags, belts, or brushes. Damage or malfunction caused by negligence, abuse, or use not in accordance with the User's Guide is not covered.

If your BISSELL product should require service:

Call BISSELL Consumer Services at the number below or visit the BISSELL website - **www.bissell.com** to locate a BISSELL Authorized Service Center in your area. If there are no authorized BISSELL Service Centers in your area, a BISSELL Representative at **bissell@custhelp.com** or at the phone number below will issue you a Return Authorization Number and a pre-paid mailing label to return the unit to BISSELL for warranty repair.

-- The machine should be returned with a photocopy of your proof of purchase. (Your dated sales receipt is your warranty - do not send original.) If you need information about repairs or replacement parts, or if you have questions about your warranty, visit the BISSELL website: **www.bissell.com**

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THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER WARRANTIES EITHER ORAL OR WRITTEN. ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES WHICH MAY ARISE BY OPERATION OF LAW, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE LIMITED TO THE TWO YEAR DURATION FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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